



Staff Report

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FILING OF THE BICYCLE FACILITY PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION FOR INSTALLING BICYCLE LANES ON ALAMEDA DE LAS PULGAS SOUTH OF RALSTON AVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

Summary

Staff is seeking approval from City Council to apply for a Bicycle Facility Program (BFP) 2007 grant in the amount of \$40,000 to fund the installation of bicycle lanes on Alameda de las Pulgas south of Ralston Avenue. The BFP grant is administered by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and the application is due by June 15, 2007.

Background

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) has made funds available through the Bicycle Facility Program (BFP) to encourage bicycling as a strategy to reduce mobile source emissions in the Bay Area. The BFP has been developed as a separate grant program to provide a more streamlined mechanism for funding the implementation of new bicycle facilities in the region. The BFP is funded by the Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA). TFCA revenues are generated through a \$4 surcharge on motor vehicle registrations within the Air District's jurisdiction. The Air District's objectives for the TFCA program are to fund the most cost-effective projects that reduce motor vehicle emissions, and to support the implementation of the transportation control measures and mobile source measures in the Bay Area. Staff is seeking Council's approval to apply for funding from this grant to provide bicycle lanes on Alameda de las Pulgas south of Ralston Avenue.

Discussion

BAAQMD has announced that BFP funds are available for the entire nine Bay Area counties. Eligible grant recipients will be responsible for the implementation of the project and must have the authority and capability to complete the project. An eligible project must meet the following criteria to be considered for funding:

- Result in a new bicycle facility, which is available for public use.
- Be included in an adopted municipal or countywide bicycle plan, Congestion Management Program (CMP), or the Metropolitan Transportation Commission's *Regional Bicycle Plan*.

- Reduce motor vehicle emissions through providing an alternative to vehicle trips made for utilitarian purposes (such as work/school commuting, shopping, etc.).
- Be ready for implementation. A project will only be considered for funding if it will commence (e.g., begin installation, award a construction contract, take delivery of the product, etc.) in calendar year 2008 or sooner.
- Have the funding necessary to complete the project available so that the project meets the implementation and completion criteria.

Diagonal parking along Carlmont High School was previously approved by the Council. The striping design can be revised to include one bicycle lane and one vehicle travel lane for each direction. The fund, if approved, will be used to install the bike lanes on Alameda de las Pulgas between Carlmont Drive and the southerly City limit.

General Plan/Vision Statement

No impact.

Fiscal Impact

The BFP grant fund can be used as a part of the parking and striping project on Alameda de las Pulgas.

Public Contact

The Council agenda was posted.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Director of Public Works to submit an application for the Bicycle Facility Program (BFP) grant in the amount of \$40,000.

Alternatives

1. Take no action.
2. Refer back to staff for further information.
3. Deny approval.

Attachments

A. Resolution

Respectfully submitted,

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELMONT APPROVING
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INSTALLING BICYCLE LANES ON ALAMEDA DE LAS PULGAS SOUTH OF
RALSTON AVENUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000**

WHEREAS, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) has made funds available through the Bicycle Facility Program (BFP) to encourage bicycling as a strategy to reduce mobile source emissions in the Bay Area; and,

WHEREAS, the Air District's BFP objective is to fund the most cost-effective projects that reduce motor vehicle emissions, and to support the implementation of the transportation control measures and mobile source measures in the Bay Area; and,

WHEREAS, staff is seeking approval from City Council to apply for a Bicycle Facility Program (BFP) 2007 grant in the amount of \$40,000 to fund the installation of bicycle lanes on Alameda de las Pulgas between Carlmont Drive and the southerly City limit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Belmont does authorize the Director of Public Works to submit an application for the Bicycle Facility Program (BFP) grant in the amount of \$40,000.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Belmont at a regular meeting thereof held on May 22, 2007 by the following vote:

AYES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

NOES, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSTAIN, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

ABSENT, COUNCILMEMBERS: _____

CLERK of the City of Belmont

APPROVED:

MAYOR of the City of Belmont